Decision on Soviet offer of Power Projects

2811. SHRI M. A. BABY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the present position of the Soviet offer to set up Atomic Power Plants in our country and details thereof;

(b) the time it will take for the finalisation of the proposals and completion of the Projects; and

(c) the details of the proposed capacity and venue ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN) : (a) to (c) The Soviet offer is under the active consideration of the Government and at the final stages of decision-making.

Ammunition supplied to Howitzer Guns

2812. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA :

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE :

Will the MINISTER OF DEFENCE be pleased to state whether the ammunition manufactured by Bofors was tested before signing the agreement with Bofors for the supply of Howitzer guns and ammunition; if so, what were the findings and if not, how the agreement for the ammunition was signed without its trial and evaluation ?

THE Minister of DEFENCE (SHRI K.C. PANT) : The Howitzer was fired with all types of ammunition relevant to making an expert assessment of the capability of the weapon system. Technical experts were fully satisfied before they recommended the acquisition of the weapon system.

Narora Atomic Power Plant

2813. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY :

SHRI T. R. BALU :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of units of Narora Atomic Power Plant;

(b) what will be the capacity of each unit;

(c) by when each unit is likely to generate power;

(d) what will be the total investment in this regard; and

(e) the amount that has already been spent in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN) : (a) and (b) Two units each of 235 MW capacity are under construction at Narora.

(c) Unit-I is expected to be completed by November, 1988 and start generating power during first quarter of 1989. Unit-2 is expected to be completed by May 1990 and start generating power during third quarter of 1990.

(d) The cost of the 2 units is estimated at about Rs. 533.00 crores.

(e) The total expenditure incurred till March 1988 is Rs. 488.8 crores.